

EXHIBIT “B”

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE NEW ENGLAND COMPOUNDING)	
PHARMACY, INC.,)	
_____)	MDL NO. 2419
)	CASE NO. 1:13-MD-2419 (FDS)
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:)	
)	
ALL ACTIONS)	
_____)	

DECLARATION OF YVONNE K. PUIG

I, Yvonne K. Puig, declare the following under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

1. My name is Yvonne K. Puig and I am currently a partner with the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. in its Austin, Texas office and represent Saint Thomas West Hospital, formerly known as St. Thomas Hospital, Saint Thomas Network, and Saint Thomas Health (collectively referred to as the “Saint Thomas Entities”) in the above-captioned litigation. I make this declaration in support of the *Saint Thomas Entities’ Response to PSC’s Proposal for Plaintiff’s Fact Sheet and Records Authorizations*, to which this declaration is attached. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration, am over the age of 18 and am competent to testify to the facts as stated.

2. Attached to this declaration as Exhibit B-1 is a true and correct copy of an email I received from Ben Gastel on behalf of the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee (“PSC”) in the above-captioned matter on January 24, 2014, at approximately 3:50 p.m. Central Standard Time.

3. Attached to this declaration as Exhibit B-2 is a true and correct copy of an email I received from Mark Chalos on behalf of the PSC on January 27, 2014.

Dated: January 31, 2014.

Yvonne K. Puig
Yvonne K. Puig

EXHIBIT “B-1”

From: Ben Gastel [<mailto:beng@branstetterlaw.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 24, 2014 3:50 PM

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Warmest Regards,

Ben

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EXHIBIT “B-2”

From: Chalos, Mark P. [mailto:mchalos@lchb.com]

Sent: Monday, January 27, 2014 9:17 AM

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Marcy – I'm writing on behalf of the PSC. With respect to a "discovery plan," the PSC believes that all the elements required to be addressed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) and Local Rule 16.1 are addressed in substance in the various filings, both proposed and previously filed, including the proposed PPF and medical authorizations, deposition protocol, ESI protocol, the two operative protective orders, proposed briefing schedule on the motions to dismiss and motion for summary judgment, and the proposed bellwether and pre-trial schedule. A number of the issues have also been discussed at length in status conferences, with various parties presenting their positions. So, other than raising it as a potential pro forma issue, what elements of a "discovery plan" do you believe remain substantially unaddressed? And, for those elements, we would welcome a proposal from your clients or anyone else, asap.

Thank you.

-Mark

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Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2014 7:21 AM

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Ben—we assume you did not expect us to provide any meaningful response to these documents before filing, as we received them only an hour before the Court's cut-off.

Although we plan to provide a fuller response, we note that Judge Boal's order did not address bellwethers or deposition protocols. While we are willing to meet and confer, we need to check schedules about Monday and note that this is the first time you've sent around your bellwether proposal, which Judge Saylor has essentially tabled until we get the discovery issues resolved. And we have yet to see any version of the discovery plan that the PSC has repeatedly promised and Judge Saylor has requested us to meet and confer about before the next status conference. We will let you know if Monday works for us, but in the meantime, can you please provide us with an ETA on the discovery plan?

Thanks!

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